

EE MODULE 11 – ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS DESIGN

PROJECT INTRODUCTION – FEBRUARY 3RD 2020



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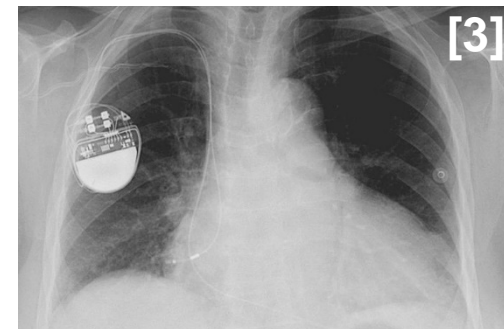
MODULE ELEMENTS

Module contains diverse set of courses ('T-shaped'):

- Systems Engineering complex system design
 - Embedded Signal Processing signal processing (duh!)
 - Philosophy of Technology and Design human machine interaction
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- Project: connects all courses together

PROJECT SUBJECT: WEARABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

- Cost of healthcare is exploding
 - Wearables are very popular
- } Opportunities!
- Design of a wearable medical device: multi-disciplinary topic!
 - Human-machine interaction
(what do we want from it and how do we use it?)
 - Design
(what is an attractive design, which still has acceptable comfort and performance)
 - Electronics (signal acquisition, transducers, amplifiers/filtering, communications)
 - Signal processing (communications, filtering, feedback, data reduction)
 - Software (interface, control, privacy, security, updates, app/cloud/...)



[1] <https://bits-chips.nl/artikel/wearable-ultrasound-from-nijmegen-senses-your-ballooning-bladder/>

[2] <https://www.healthgazette24.com/diagnostic-wearable-medical-devices-market-to-witness-huge-growth-cleveland-medical-device-fitbit-medtronic-omron-healthcare-polar-electro/37411/>

[3] <https://newatlas.com/implants-jamming-wireless-attacks/18927/>

PROJECT ROLES

We, (the supervisors) represent a traditional medical company that wants to enter the wireless medical device market

- As in real life, note that we might not always know precisely what we want nor agree on it.
- The SysEng supervisors act as advisors to help you manage such a complex project



You, (the students) represent an upcoming electronic design studio, hired to:

- Find out what users want from a wearable medical device
- Design one with a good trade-off between cost and capabilities
- Produce a demonstrator



PHASES

- First part is 'design exploration' a.k.a. feasibility/architecture study
 - Find a place in e.g. the design-lab for your discussions and brainstorm
 - Present the results in a poster presentation and in a system design & project plan: **March 17th**
 - Supervisors with different roles (SysEng, PoT, Tech) will visit you during the poster presentation, so prepare for different audiences.
- Second part will be about the actual design and prototyping
 - Part of the WEST zaal is reserved for electronics experiments (shared with module 3)
 - Design-lab can be used for e.g. enclosure prototyping
 - Present your results and prototype on **April 15th**



SUPERVISION

Weekly meetings with the project/ESP- & SysEng-supervisors

- 30 minutes per group on Monday (project/ESP) & Tuesday (SysEng)
- Schedule will be posted on Canvas
- Prepare, the meetings influence the project grade!
- Present & discuss: Progress, Issues, Plans

For questions and guidance outside these meetings, contact:

- Project supervisors
- PhD-student @ Biomedical Signals & Systems (BSS) group: per email [info TBD]
- Bert-Jan van Beijnum (BSS): walk-in on Fridays 12:30-13:45 in ZH212
- Students and staff at University (plenty of expertise in every field)
- Other (If you ask nicely people tend to have time: make appointments)

ADMINISTRATION

- You'll work on the project in **groups of ~9-11 people** (enrollment via Canvas)
- You are responsible for managing your group and various roles within the group
- **Weekly meetings** with supervisors; first few weeks everybody should be present
 - Use this to discuss technical requirements, strategy, solutions, ...
 - Starting from week 5 (March 2), groups may send delegation
 - Be prepared! Ask questions and/or tell story. Have pre-discussions yourselves.
- Each student will keep track of a **time-sheet**, shared within the project group
 - Mention spent time and subject
- At the end, supervisors will use the output (reports, presentations, prototype, time-sheets, ...) and assign **one grade per group**
 - Within a project team, you will have to distribute this grade yourself (with a maximum difference of 2 between the various participants)

PROJECT FOCUS

- Assignment is much broader than you might think and requires many areas of expertise
 - Commercial development of such a device would cost >10 man-years and >€10,000,000
 - Create a *complete* plan
 - Keep actual design work limited to some key areas that have overlap with the courses
 - PoT: human-machine interaction, design
 - SysEng: solutions to conflicting constraints
 - ESP: signal processing aspects with analysis and simulation results (Ltspice/Matlab)
- Use given toolboxes!
- **Aim to have working prototype at the end**
Prototype ≠ Final finished product



WEARABLE MEDICAL DEVICES MARKET

Global Wearable Medical Devices Market Size (US\$ Mn), 2018 to 2026



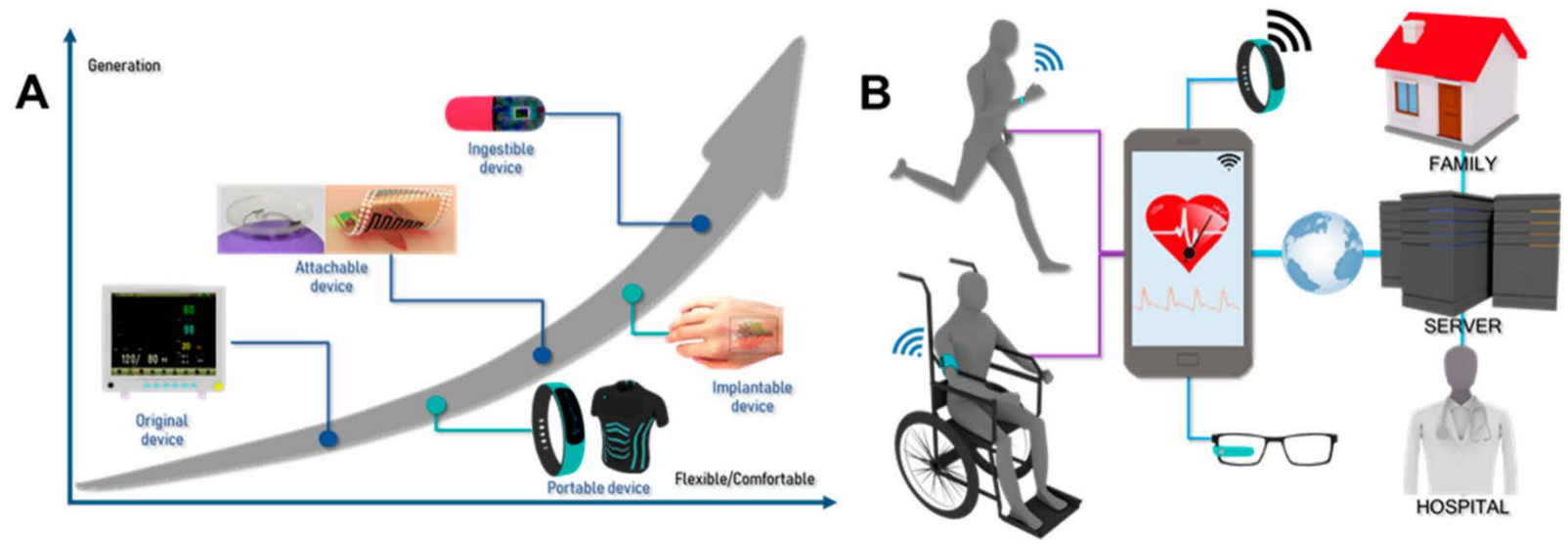
Global Wearable Medical Devices Market Share, By Product, 2018

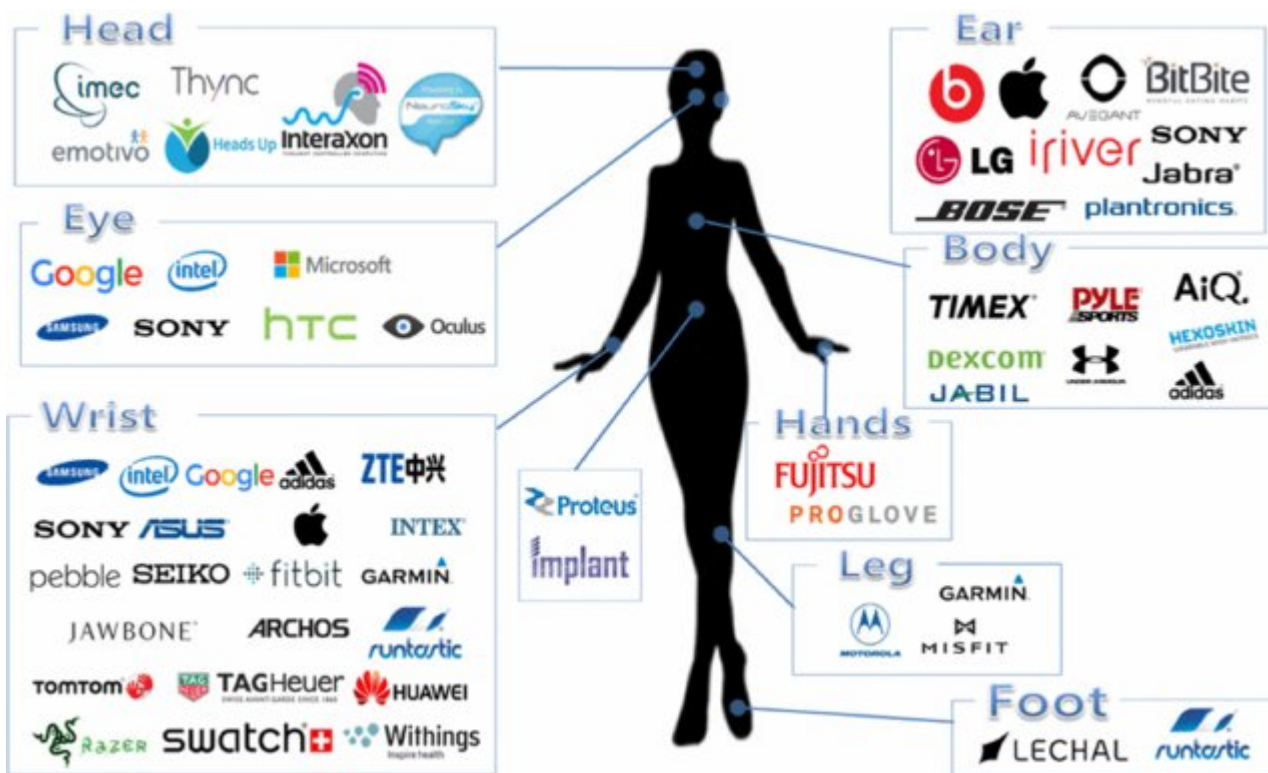


North America Wearable Medical Devices Market Size (US\$ Mn), 2018



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POSSIBLE TECHNICAL DIRECTIONS

- Signal processing:
 - Optimize SNR to enable certain diagnostics, while staying within power budget
 - Data reduction to transmit less from sensor to readout-unit
 - Adaptive filtering to accommodate e.g. time-variant skin impedance
- Communication
 - Wired communications → analog prototyping feasible
 - RF communications → better use existing module
- Power efficiency
 - Efficient conversion from battery voltage to (various) needs of electronics
 - Data reduction, choice of communications
 - Offloading to cloud / mobile phone / ...
- You'll hear more during Project Lecture 1 (Monday Feb 3, 13:45-15:30)

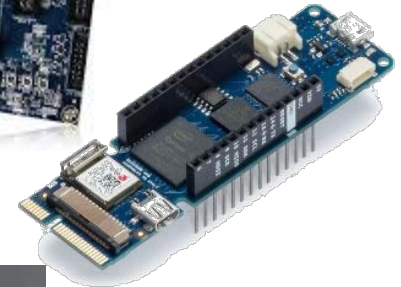
AVAILABLE MATERIAL

- FPGA board for signal processing and data conversion

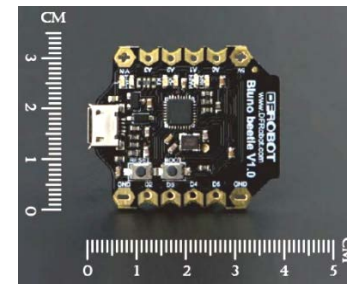
Terasic DE1-SoC also used in module 5,
can be borrowed from Bert Molenkamp



- Arduino-based FPGA (MKR Vidor 4000)
smaller, more power efficient, less capable than DE1-SoC



- Small form-factor wireless modules
Beetle BLE and Arduino Nano 33 IoT

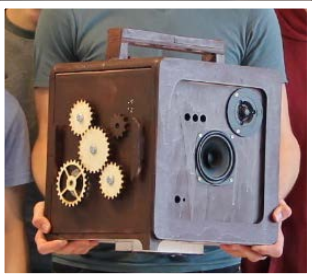
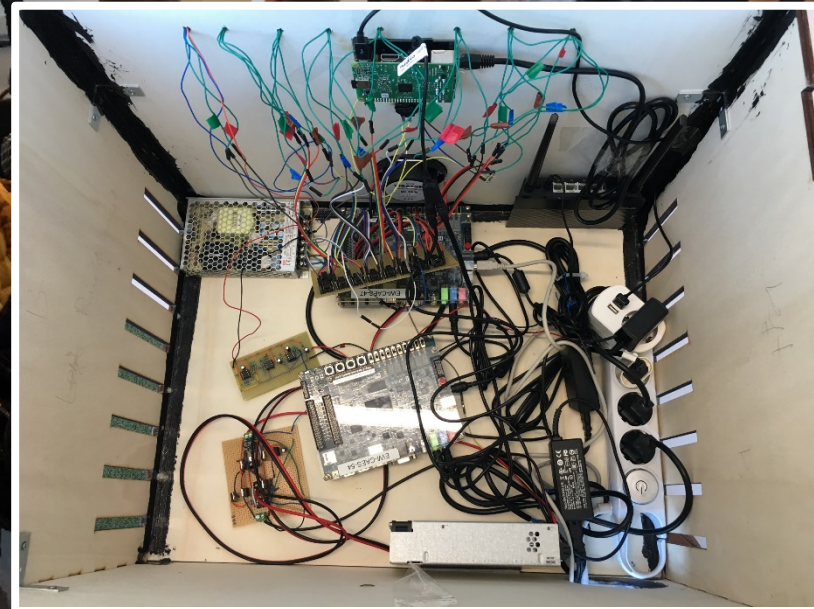
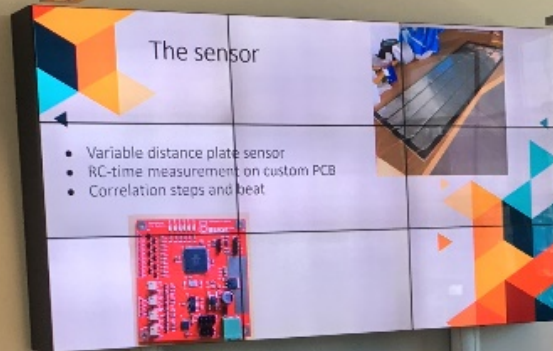


Feel free to use something else, but motivate your requirements
(there is no fixed budget, but goal is to make a cost-effective design)

NEXT STEPS

- Choose project groups through Canvas
 - Groups of 9 persons, make sure to enlist **today!**
- Groups will be finalized tomorrow. After tomorrow: meet with your group
 - If you do not want to be a number, choose a group name and pass it to me
- Start with the introductory phase (use PoT and SysEng tools)
 - Who will be your target audience and why
 - What will you be making and why
- See you on Monday & Tuesday afternoons for the meetings
 - First Monday meeting will mostly be an introduction, who is who, etc
 - For later meetings: show progress, issues, plan
- **Read the module manual for details (available on Canvas)!**

LAST YEARS: WIRELESS SPEAKER



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GOOD LUCK & ENJOY!

QUESTIONS?

